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R 201513Z AUG 76

FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 644

INFO CSAF WASH DC

AMCONSUL ASMARA

CNO WASHDC

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COMNAVTELCOM WASHDC

COMNAVSUPSYSCOM

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S E C R E T ADDIS ABABA 9765

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: AIRLIFT OF CARGO TO/FROM ASMARA

REF: SECSTATE 205663, DTG 182235Z AUG 76 (NOTAL)

1. DATT INFORMALLY DISCUSSED A ONE TIME MAC C-141 FLIGHT TO ASMARA WITH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (J2) ON 19 AUGUST AND FORMALLY REQUESTED CLEARANCE BY DIP NOTE AUG 20. REQUEST SUGGESTED EITHER 30 AUG OR 6 SEP TO COINCIDE WITH SCHEDULED MAC C-141 FLIGHTS TO ADDIS ALREADY CLEARED BY EPMG, AND CALLS FOR C-141 ARRIVAL IN ASMARA AT 0630Z (0930L) AND DEPARTURE AT 0830Z (1130L) IN ACCORDANCE WITH AMCONGEN ASMARA RECOMMENDATION FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DURING MORNING HOURS. MOND REP (J2) TOLD DATT AUG 20 THAT REQUEST WOULD BE BRIEFED TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE SAME DAY AND EMBASSY WOULD BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS A DECISION IS FORTH-COMING.

3. IF REQUEST APPROVED, WE FORESEE NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH EPMG PROVIDING APPROPRIATE SECUTIRY AT ASMARA

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AIRPORT. CONGEN ASMARA IN ANY CASE IS PREPARED FOLLOW

UP ON THIS ASPECT AT APPROPRIATE TIME. OUR BEST JUDGMENT IS THAT RISK TO AIRCRAFT WILL BE LOW, BUT ADDRESSEES SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT EVEN WITH EPMG PROTECTION, WE CANNOT ASSURE THAT THERE WILL BE NO RISK AT ALL.

4. IF APPROVAL IS GRANTED EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THE C-141 SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ADDIS 0415Z (0715L) ARRIVE 0300Z (0600L) TO FACILITATE AN 0815L DEPARTURE FOR ASMARA. MAC REP IN ADDIS ADVISES TWO HOUR UNLOAD/LOAD TURN AROUND IS FEASIBLE.
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